



TEACHING CHILDREN TO USE THEIR WORDS WISELY

SAM AND *the* *Sticky* SITUATION

A BOOK ABOUT WHINING

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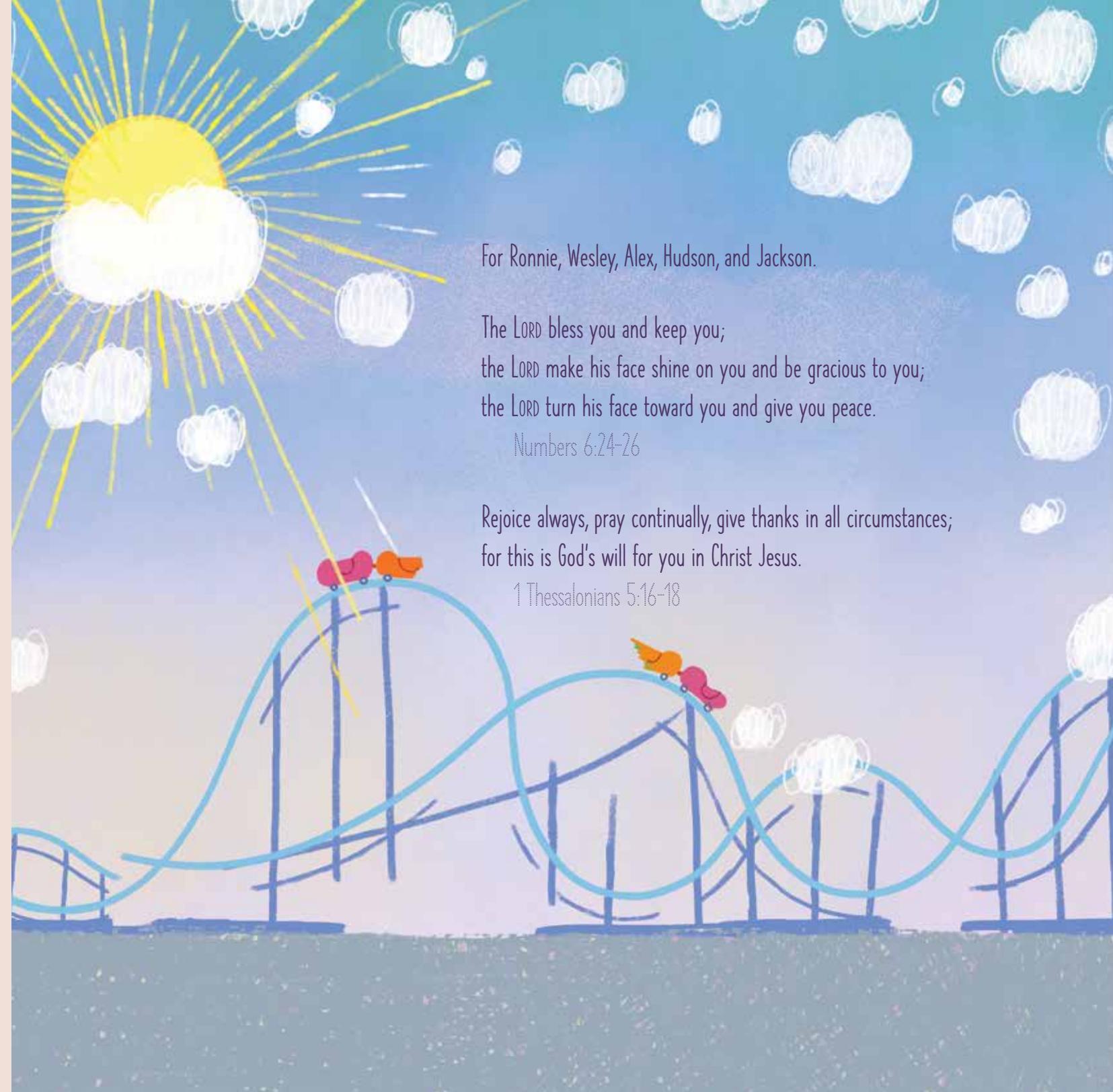
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For Ronnie, Wesley, Alex, Hudson, and Jackson.

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



It was a busy day for my mother, it's true.
She complained and she whined about too much to do.

"I have to fold laundry. I must vacuum the floors.
Then clean all the windows and organize drawers."

"I need a break from this!" she whined and she shouted.
"It's all work and no fun!" she cried and she pouted.

Mom continued to whine. It was an ugly scene.
Then she sent us outside. She was really quite mean.



So we put on our shoes, both my sister and me.
Then sat bored on a limb in our favorite tree.

I was so tired of games. Didn't want to play ball.
There was nothing to do. There was nothing at all.

We thought really hard, but we had not a clue.
There had to be something adventurous and new.

Then it hit me at once. Something **FUN** we could do.
And not only for me, but my sister, too.

We walked in to find Mom folding clothes on the floor.
When she saw us, she whined, "I'm tired of this chore!"

Would she like my idea? I was starting to doubt,
but my plan was grand if she'd just hear me out.

We could go to the fair. We could go there and play.
What a great thing to do on this windy, fall day.

Cotton candy we'd get, and perhaps a good show.
I tugged hard on Mom's shirt and whined, "Mom, can we go?"

